

## REMARKS

Applicants believe that they have complied with 37 C.F.R. 1.192 (c)(7) and (c)(8) and have complied with MPEP §1206. Applicants provided a statement that the claims do not stand or fall together as stated in 37 C.F.R. 1.92(c)(7) and provided arguments in support of each claim as stated in 37 C.F.R. 1.92(c)(8).

However, in the interest of expediting review of the present Application, Applicants have provided a Revised Brief in Support of Appeal (attached hereto). The Revised Brief includes a revised section VII. Grouping of Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.92(7)), which states:

“Group A includes claims 16 and 17. The claims of Group A do not stand or fall together. Group B includes claims 18-25, 29, 30, and 34-38. The claims of Group B do not stand or fall together. The rejections of the appealed claims do not stand or fall together.”

Amendments to the Revised Brief are also presented with respect to claim 21 in section VIII. B. 2 to clarify arguments made with respect to claim 21.

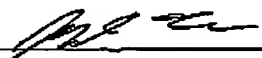
Therefore, Applicants submit that the Revised Brief complies with 37 C.F.R. 1.92(c)(7) and (c)(8) and complies with MPEP §1206. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the Brief is in proper condition for Review and that Applicants have overcome the Examiner's objection in the Office Communication dated December 7, 2004.

If, for any reason, the Office is unable to allow the Application upon review, and believes a telephone interview would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney or agent.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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